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**2016
CASFAA/CSAC
High School
Counselor
Workshop**

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Cal Grant





Cal Grant Application

FAFSA/Dream Act Application



- Student must list an Eligible Cal Grant school*
- Student must complete the FAFSA or Dream Act Application for year they are applying

GPA Verification



- With or without Social Security Number
- Electronic submission requirement for public high schools and charter schools

***Eligible Schools List is accessed at the bottom of the CSAC Website**
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Basic Eligibility Requirements

Federal Requirements and Additional Cal Grant Requirements

- ✓ U.S. Citizen, Eligible Non-Citizen
- ✓ Social Security Number*
- ✓ California Resident*
- ✓ High School GPA
- ✓ Attend Eligible California College
- ✓ Enrolled at Least Half-Time
- ✓ Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress
- ✓ No Bachelor's Degree Earned
- ✓ Not in Default on Student Loan
- ✓ Registering for Selective Service
- ✓ Not Incarcerated

FULLY QUALIFIED

* These requirements are supplanted by other eligibility
criteria for AB 540 students

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Cal Grants A B C

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Cal Grant Program

	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
GPA	3.00	2.00	N/A
Financial Need	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - \\ \text{Expected Family contribution} \\ = \\ \text{Unmet Need} \end{array}$		
Income & Asset Ceiling	<i>Income:</i> Maximum amount depends on family size <i>Assets:</i> The maximum amount a family can have in assets that are not exempt		
Program Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Associates· Bachelors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Associates· Bachelors· Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Vocational Courses only· Associates· Certificate



2016-17 Award Amounts

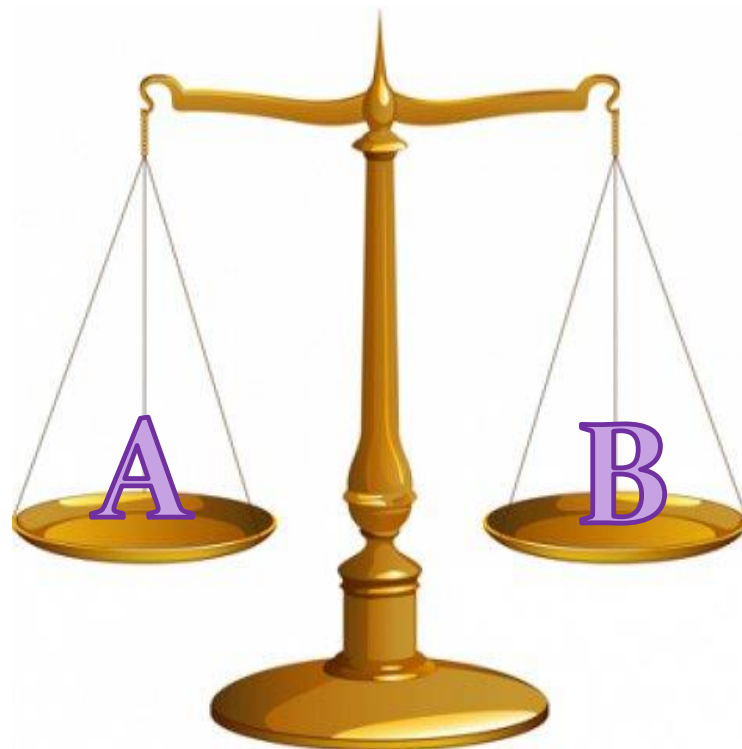
Award	Award Year	CC	CSU	UC	Independent	For Profit
A	1	CC Reserve	\$5,472	\$12,294	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	2	CC Reserve	\$5,472	\$12,294	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	3	Appeal	\$5,472	\$12,294	\$9,084	\$4,000^
	4	-	\$5,472	\$12,294	\$9,084	\$4,000^
B	1	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$1,670	\$1,670
	2	\$1,670	\$1,670 + \$5,472	\$1,670 + \$12,294	\$1,670 + \$9,084	\$1,670 + \$4,000^
	3	\$1,670	\$1,670 + \$5,472	\$1,670 + \$12,294	\$1,670 + \$9,084	\$1,670 + \$4,000^
	4	\$1,670	\$1,670 + \$5,472	\$1,670 + \$12,294	\$1,670 + \$9,084	\$1,670 + \$4,000^
C	1-2	\$547	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	\$547 to \$2,462	\$547 to \$2,462

^Award Amount is \$9,084 if WASC accredited before July 1, 2012



Which Cal Grant is the best?

- **All Cal Grants are beneficial!**
- Completing the FAFSA and Dream Act Application means you applied for **A**, **B** and **C**
- Most beneficial award given is based on the student's need



If a student is **not awarded** a Cal Grant after graduating High School, the student may be eligible for a Cal Grant when the student transfers from a Community College to a four year institution.



Education Codes

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Education Code 69432.9 Ch. 679

Now requires public high school/charter schools to:

- Electronically upload GPAs
- Preferred method of upload would be without a Social Security Number (Non-SSN)

Important Steps:

- Establish WebGrants Account
- Check WebGrants account status
- Refer to WebGrants User Guides and Trainings



Opt Out Option



- High schools **must** provide their students an opportunity to opt out of the electronic GPA submission
- Notify no later than **October 15th** of the student's senior year



Early FAFSA & Dream Act Application



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Prior-Prior Year

- **Prior-Prior Year** tax information is used to complete financial aid applications

Filing 2016-17
FAFSA/Dream
Act Application



2015
Taxes

Filing 2017-18
FAFSA/Dream
Act Application



2015
Taxes

Filing 2018-19
FAFSA/Dream
Act Application



2016
Taxes



GPA Submission Window

GPA Submission Window opens earlier to align with **October 1** when FAFSA/Dream Act Application is available.

Open

**June 10, 2016
to
March 2, 2017**

Close

Cal Grant Early Award Notification

- **Students are able to be awarded as early as**

November 1, 2016





GPA & Academic Qualifiers

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Academic Qualifier Types

High school GPA



Test Scores

- SAT (Reasoning Test)
- ACT
- GED
- HiSet
- TASC

Allowed if:

- student **does not** have a GPA
- has coursework that can't be converted to a 4.00 maximum GPA
- attended a non-accredited high school

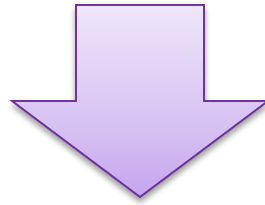


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Cal Grant GPA Calculation

Current High School
Seniors



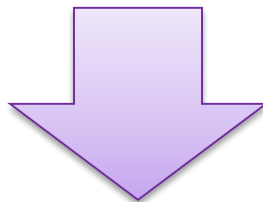
Sophomore and **Junior**
grades only!

When calculating GPAs...
remember to *exclude* P.E, R.O.T.C, and Remedial.

Unweighted 4.0 scale used

Cal Grant GPA Calculation

Last Year's High
School Graduates



**Sophomore, Junior, and
Senior** grades!

When calculating GPAs...
remember to *exclude* P.E, R.O.T.C, and Remedial.

Unweighted 4.0 scale used



High School Counselors: What do I need to do?



Step 1: Get WebGrants Access

1. Complete the System Administrator Access Request Form
2. *Complete the FAFSA/Dream Act Completion Program Agreement*





Step 1:

Location of WebGrants Access Forms

1. www.csac.ca.gov
2. Hover over the High Schools tab
3. Download the appropriate forms

CSAC Technology Help Desk
Helps with Access to WebGrants

(888) 294-0148 or csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov



Step 1:

WebGrants System Assistance

Here are some helpful hints to navigate through WebGrants:

- Use the *Tools* link
 - Templates for GPA upload
- Use the *Help* Link
 - User Guides to assist with the process of GPA uploads



Step 2: GPA Upload

- Calculate the student's GPA
- Use the preferred GPA Upload Option



Public High Schools are mandated by law to upload GPAs



Step 2: Data for GPA Upload

- Manually enter information from school records
- OR
- Student Information Systems that extract information at your school:
 - Aeries
 - Power School
 - Illuminate

Disclaimer: CSAC is not an expert on external programs. Please contact the student information system's support department for assistance.



Step 2: GPA Upload File Specifications

- Follow the file specifications provided in the User Guides for the GPA upload
- If the data is correct and ready to upload, enable the Macros on the spreadsheet





Step 2: GPA Upload in WebGrants

- WebGrants
 - Non-SSN
 - Upload Non-SSN GPAs

Total Records:	12
Valid Records:	3
Invalid Records:	9



Will not Upload

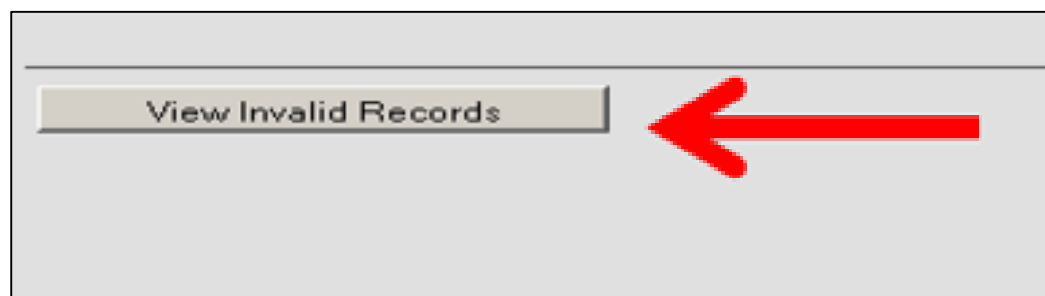
Total Records:	12
Valid Records:	12
Invalid Records:	0



Upload Complete



Step 2: Fixing Invalid Records



Record(s): 2		Invalid Record List				
Rec	Student Name	Grad Date	DOB	GPA	Reject Reason	
1	Redman, Stuart	061512	1995/12/20	4.14	Invalid GPA	
2	Goldsmith, Frannie	061512	1995/10/04	3.31	Missing Address	



Step 3: Review GPA Upload Reports

Non-SSN GPA Upload Report

- Upload confirmation with Total Record Count

Non-SSN GPA Roster Report

- Summary of Non-SSN GPA Records Submitted

Non-SSN GPA Status Report

- Summary of Non-SSN GPA Records Submitted

Non-SSN GPA Unmatched Report

- Displays Non-SSN GPA Students Records that have not been matches to a financial aid application

Student Summary Report

- Displays Student Statuses – includes SSN GPAs and Matched Non-SSN GPAs

Financial Aid Applications (No GPA) Report

- Displays Student Statuses – includes SSN GPAs and Matched Non-SSN GPAs

Your Cal Grant Awardees Report

- Displays Student that have been offered a Cal Grant



Step 3: Non-SSN GPA Unmatched Report

SABRNSUM	CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION		PAGE:	1
	NON-SSN GPA UNMATCHED REPORT		DATE:	04/29/2014
ACADEMIC YEAR 2014	05000000 YOUR HIGH SCHOOL NAME		TIME:	0710
STUDENT NAME	DOB	GPA	MATCHED FIELDS / INFORMATION	

ARCEO, VICTOR A	1995/01/14	2.70	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
CASTRO, ERIKA T	1996/03/17	0.50	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
TRAN, STACEY H	1995/10/18	3.00	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
TROUNG, MICHAEL J	1993/12/18	1.88 40%	FNAME, DOB, CITY	
URBINA, LUCAS M	1995/12/26	1.31	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
VALENCIA, CYNTHIA M	1996/11/20	0.71 50%	LNAME, FNAME, INIT, CITY	
VALERIO, ROSEMARY	1994/12/20	2.41 50%	LNAME, INIT, DOB, CITY	
VANG, ELIJAH A	1995/12/08	2.88 60%	FNAME, DOB, ADDR, CITY, ZIP	
VU, VERONICA J	1996/08/21	0.62 40%	LNAME, FNAME, CITY	
VASQUEZ, CINDY	1996/06/15	1.95	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
VEGA RAMOS, SABRINA J	1996/04/10	2.17	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
WILLIAMS, SASHA M	1995/03/08	2.57	NO FAFSA MATCHED	
WONG, TONY J	1996/08/06	1.75 50%	LNAME, FNAME, INIT, CITY	
TOTAL UNMATCHED COUNT:		135		
TOTAL MATCHED COUNT:		232		
TOTAL NON-SSN COUNT:		366		
DESCRIPTION OF REPORT:				
This report displays NON-SSN GPA records against students that have completed a current academic year FAFSA. Students that have not submitted a FAFSA will appear on this report, but will be marked as NO FAFSA MATCHED under the MATCHED FIELDS / INFORMATION column.				

There is **not** a financial aid application on record

% of their GPA submission information matches to a financial aid application



Step 4: Non-SSN Edit or Matching

If a student completes their FAFSA or Dream Act Application and it varies from the information submitted with their GPA **the student may NOT match.**

Match NON-SSN GPA to Financial Application

- Used to match a NON-SSN GPA record to a Financial Application
- Students highlighted in GREEN have already been matched
- Date of Birth and partial first OR last name is required to do search
- Partial first name with MINIMUM 3 characters
- Partial last name with MINIMUM 2 characters
- Click Submit Changes to match records

Academic Year: 2014 - 2015 ▼

Last Name: DO

First Name: JON

GO!

DOB (mm/dd/yyyy): 09/12/1996

Student City:

School ID: 99999900 ▼

School City:

Exit

Record(s): 1

NON-SSN to Financial Application

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Name	DOB	Address	School	Std't Phone	Par Phone	Std't Email	Par Email
DOE, JONATHAN I	09/12/1996	5331 WATER VIEW, SACRAMENTO 90058	99999900	(552) 456-2365	(555) 636-3987		



Non-SSN Matching Process

Academic Year:	2014 - 2015	Last Name:	DO	First Name:	JON	Request Fin Apps
DOB (mm/dd/yyyy):	12/09/1996	Student City:				
School ID:	99999900	School City:				

	Non-SSN GPA Data SSN or Dream App ID	Record #1 Financial Application Data	Record #2 Financial Application Data	Record #3 Financial Application Data
Last Name	DOE	XXX-XX-1946 DOE		
First Name	JONATHAN	JONATHAN		
Middle Init	I			
DOB	09/12/1996	12/9/1996		
Address	5331 WATER VIEW	11040 WHITE ROCK ROAD		
City	SACRAMENTO	RANCHO CORDOVA		
Zip	90058	90058		
School Code	99999900			
Student Phone	(552) 456-2365			
Parent Phone	(555) 636-3987			
Student Email		TEST@CSAC.CA.GOV		
Parent Email		TEST@CSAC. ...		
GPA	3.08			
State Student ID	2054319935			

Match ☐

[Submit Changes](#) [Back](#)

Listed here is the Data provided by Student's FAFSA/Dream Act Application Submission

Listed here is the Data provided by HS's GPA Submission



Step 4: Why did my student NOT match?

Top 4 Reasons:

1. Legal Last Name
2. Legal First Name
3. Date of Birth
4. Address





Step 4: GPA Upload Corrections

- Password protected email
- List *incorrect* information and *correct* information
- List your contact information in case we need clarification



Email: schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov



Step 5: HS Graduation Verification

Name	Date of Birth	Graduation Status
APPLESEED JOHN A	02/07/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
BROWN BLEU	07/26/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
DOE JANE	11/14/1995	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending
TEST STUDENT	04/29/1996	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Graduated <input type="radio"/> Not Graduated <input type="radio"/> Pending

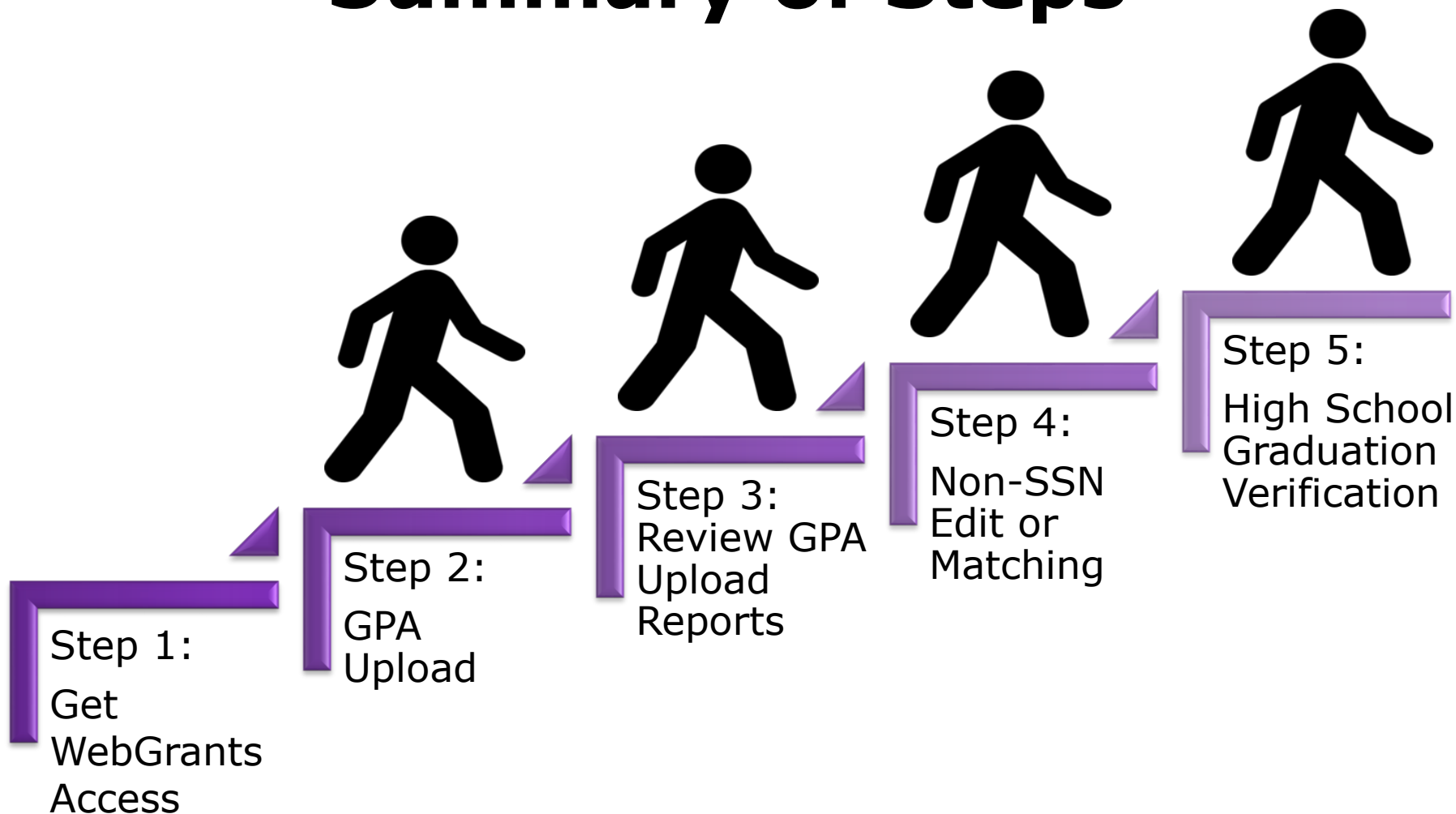
Verify Students

*You can **only** verify High School Graduation after the student is awarded a Cal Grant.*

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Summary of Steps





Congratulations!

Your high school students will be considered for Cal Grant!



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WebGrants for Students (WGS)

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WGS: What does it provide my student?



- Ability to view their award
- Make a school change
- Graduation Verification
- Claiming Cal Grant award

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WEBGRANTS 4 STUDENTS



Welcome!

The California Student Aid Commission has created WebGrants 4 Students (WGS) just for you, the student. The goal is to provide you with the resources, information and tools needed to assist you with the college financial aid process. WGS will allow you to manage your Cal Grant and/or Chafee account(s) online by letting you view updates, make school changes, make address changes, make corrections, and post leave of absence requests. It is important for you to understand that your WGS account does not replace your School or FAFSA accounts. Each account must be monitored and managed independently.

IF YOU RECENTLY SUBMITTED YOUR FAFSA, PLEASE ALLOW UP TO TWO WEEKS FOR YOUR WGS ACCOUNT TO BE UPDATED. ONCE AWARDED YOU ARE ADVISED TO VERIFY AND UPDATE YOUR SCHOOL OF ATTENDANCE, BY LOGGING INTO WGS. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENT VISIT YOUR SCHOOLS FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

Enter your User ID and Password.
Please note the User ID and Password fields are case sensitive.

Authorized Use Only



WebGrants 4 Students Sign-In

User ID

Password

[Create an Account](#)

[Forgot your User ID and/or password? Having problems logging in?](#)





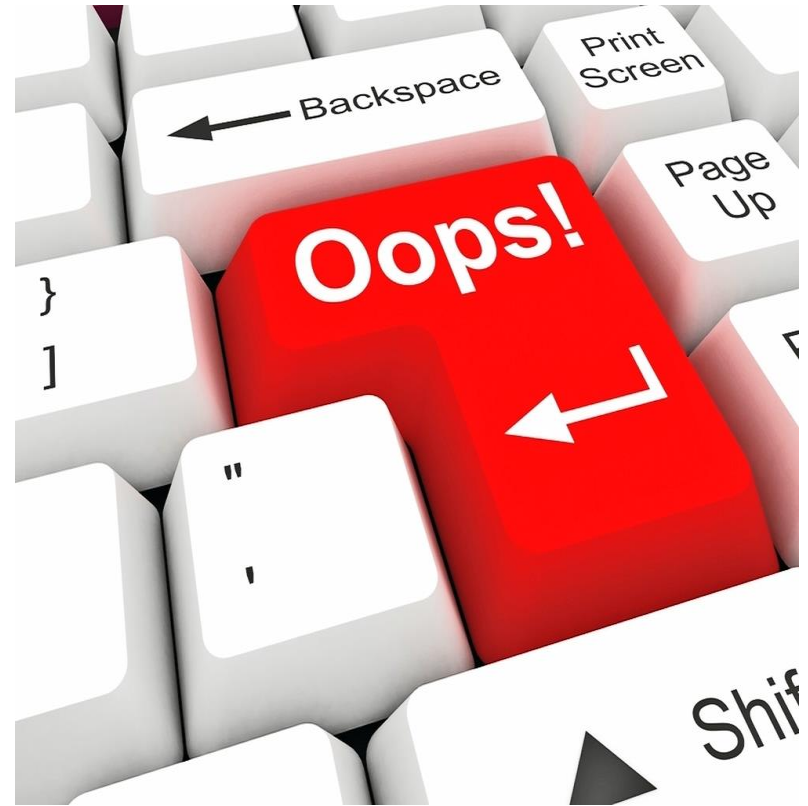
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Common Errors in Creating WGS Accounts

- Name mismatch
- Application has not been submitted
- Compatibility issues
- Mobile devices





Help with WGS

- Username & Password Assistance
- Assistance with setting up account
- Locked out



CSAC Technology Help Desk
Helps with Access to WebGrants for Students

(888) 294-0148 or csachelpdesk@csac.ca.gov



WGS – Cal Grant Main Menu

Cal Grant Main Menu

 Required items are marked below. You must complete all requirements in order to receive your award.

- ✦ [Confirmation of School of Attendance](#) Required to complete awarding process
- ✦ [Certify High School Graduation Date](#) Required to receive a payment

- ✦ [Understanding My Cal Grant](#)
- ✦ [Disqualification Fact Sheet](#)
- ✦ [Change My Address](#)
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- ✦ [Third Party Access to My Account](#)
- ✦ [Submit School Leave of Absence](#)



WGS – Confirm School of Attendance

Confirmation of your School of Attendance

Please confirm the school you are attending below. If the school listed is not the one you will be attending, select the School Change link and you will be redirected to the screen that will enable you to complete the required school change.

☐ I will be attending the following School of Attendance: **SAN DIEGO MIRAMAR COLLEGE**

Or

☐ Make a school change on this screen: [Submit School Change](#)

☐ Student Certification: By selecting the check box and clicking the Submit button below, I am affirming that I will be attending the school listed above. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the information above is true and correct.

Submit



WGS – High School Graduation Certification

California High School Graduation Certification Form

Earlier this year the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) offered you a Cal Grant Entitlement Award to help pay for your college expenses. Prior to receiving your Cal Grant Entitlement Award, CSAC must receive confirmation of your high school graduation, or its equivalent. Please complete the information below so we can continue processing your Cal Grant Entitlement Award.

What if I still have courses or other requirements to complete before I actually can graduate high school?

California High School Graduation Certification Form

Your high school graduation date of mm/dd/yyyy has been successfully certified. [Click here to go to the Cal Grant Main Menu.](#)

Please select a button that best fits your educational status.



- A** ☐ I have completed all of my high school requirements and graduated.
Month and year of your high school graduation date. The current date on file is: **MAY, 2015** Update high school graduation date **ONLY** if different than date on file:
- Or**
- B** ☐ I did not complete the standard high school graduation requirements, but did pass the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE) or General Education Development (GED) Date:
- Or**
- C** ☐ I did not graduate. Please note that selecting this option will disqualify you from the Cal Grant Entitlement Award.


☐ **Student Certification:** By selecting the check box and clicking the **Submit** button below, I am affirming that I have completed all of my high school graduation requirements or I have passed a high school equivalency test such as a GED. I understand that it is illegal to report false or misleading information. I have read the information printed above and certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of California, that the information above is true and correct.

Submit



Tentative Award Notification





Tentative Award Notification

- «STUDENTNAME»
- «STREET»
- «CITY»

Date «CALGRANTDATE»

Grant ID Number «GRANTID»

CSAC ID Number «CSACID»

Academic Year «ACAD_YR»

The California Student Aid Commission is the state agency responsible for awarding Cal Grants and other state financial aid. Based on the self-reported information on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Grade Point Average (GPA), we have determined your preliminary Cal Grant eligibility for the 2017-18 academic year.

Cal Grant award amounts vary by type of college. These are the current Cal Grant maximum award amounts that you

Cal Grant award amounts vary by type of college. These are the current Cal Grant maximum award amounts that you could be eligible for if you enroll at least half time at an [eligible campus](#) from the following segments:

College Segment	Maximum Cal Grant Award Amount
California Community College (CCC):	\$1,670
California State University (CSU):	\$5,472*
University of California (UC):	\$12,294*
Private, Non-Profit or WASC-accredited colleges:	\$9,084*
Non-WASC accredited For-Profit Colleges:	\$4,000*

*Cal Grant B students may also receive a \$1,670 access award in addition to the amount listed above

Remember that **the Cal Grant is FREE money**, and only one part of your financial aid package. After you are offered admission, the financial aid office will provide a full financial aid award notice. In addition to a Cal Grant, you may also be eligible for one or more of the following:

- Federal Pell Grant, Work-Study Program, or Federal Student Loans;
- California Community College Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver;
- Institutional grants or scholarships offered at public and private colleges and universities;
- Other types of financial aid offered at your campus of attendance, such as private scholarships and student loans.

This is a tentative Cal Grant award notification only. You must still apply for admission to the campus you plan to attend. Your college makes the final eligibility determination for Cal Grant prior to disbursing your award. For questions about final eligibility determination and disbursement dates, check with the financial aid office at the campus you plan to attend.

PRIVACY STATEMENT: Cal Grant information for students who are 18 years of age or older, or who have attended a postsecondary institution, will only be released to parents or guardians with written [authorization](#) from the student.

Lupita Cortez Alcalá
Executive Director



WGS – California Aid Report (CAR)

California Aid Report (CAR)

Search =

Congratulations on meeting the preliminary requirements for the 2016-2017 Cal Grant Program! Based on the information you reported on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADA) and Grade Point Average (GPA), the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering you a Cal Grant. To receive your Cal Grant award offer beginning in the fall 2016, you will need to take some of the steps identified below. This Cal Grant award offer may be reduced or withdrawn based on the final State Budget or final eligibility determined by your campus.

To Receive the Cal Grant award you must:

- Confirm that the school listed below is the one you plan on attending. If it is not, you must submit a school change in your WGS account by accessing the [Submit School Change or Leave of Absence link](#) above and through your FAFSA www.fafsa.ed.gov account so that we can get the award to the campus you will attend beginning in the fall 2016.
- Understand your financial aid disbursement options. These may include a paper check, debit card or direct deposit to your bank account. You have a choice as to how you want your Cal Grant funds paid to you so make sure you make a wise decision to get the most out of your Cal Grant award offer and other financial aid. Check your campus student account or contact your financial aid office for Cal Grant disbursement dates.
- Register with the Selective Service if you are a male living in the U.S. and are between the ages of 18 through 25. For more information about Selective Service requirements go to www.sss.gov.
- Use this award offer during this academic year or your award offer may be withdrawn. Let us know if you do not plan to use the award for the 2016-2017 academic year.

If you were offered a Cal Grant A and you attend a California Community College, you will not receive any payments at the community college. Instead, CSAC will hold the award in a Community College Reserve status for up to two years. You may activate the award once you complete your community college education and transfer to an eligible school. A Community College Reserve student must be enrolled in the 2016-2017 fall term to remain eligible for the Cal Grant award.

Below is your Cal Grant Award offer based on the first three Cal Grant eligible schools you listed on the FAFSA/CADA. Some schools you listed on your FAFSA/CADA may not participate in the Cal Grant Program. To view the list of eligible schools, please visit the CSAC homepage at: www.csac.ca.gov, click Colleges, and then "Cal Grant Eligible Schools" located at the bottom of the page.

Date Issued: 02/02/16

SSN:

School Choice	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
UNIV OF CA - DAVIS	\$12,240	SEE CODE #16
UNIV OF CA - LOS ANGELES	\$12,240	SEE CODE #16
CSU LOS ANGELES	\$5,472	SEE CODE #16

[Code Descriptions](#)

[New Recipient Change Form](#)

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**Middle
Class
Scholarship**





Middle Class Scholarship

Who is Eligible?

Only students who have less than 40% of their UC or CSU fees covered by grants and scholarships

- ✓ Income \$156,000 or Less
- ✓ Asset \$156,000 or Less
- ✓ U.S. Citizen, eligible Non-Citizen or AB 540
- ✓ Exempt from paying non-resident tuition
- ✓ Meets Selective Service
- ✓ Not in default on student loan
- ✓ Not Incarcerated
- ✓ Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

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Middle Class Scholarship Update

- CSAC Program
- Phase-in: 3rd year
- Potential in the program
- Many students in this income bracket have received aid to help attend CSU/UC





Middle Class Scholarship

Enrollment Requirements

Must enroll in a CSU/UC

Must be enrolled at least
 $\frac{1}{2}$ time

1st Undergraduate
program

Maintain Satisfactory
Academic Progress



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MCS: How does a student apply?

Apply by March 2nd
Reapply each year

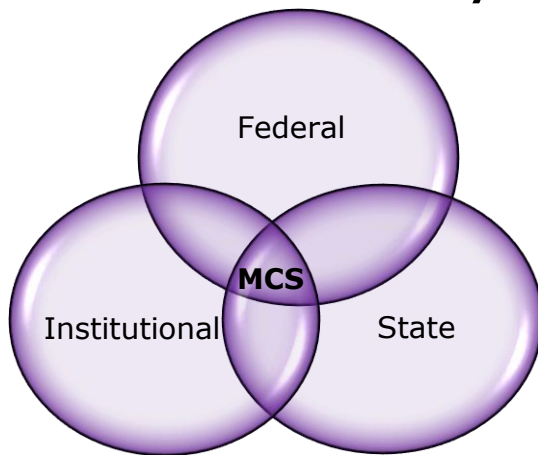


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CSU/UC on
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MCS Award Details

- Final award based on student's eligibility & budget allocation for academic year
- Max Award Amounts
 - UC: \$3,690
 - CSU: \$1,644



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Grant Delivery System

The 30-year old Grant Delivery System (GDS) is currently in place. This system oversees and administers all financial aid programs within its purview. This system:



- Increases manual workload
- Inflexible and difficult to modify
- Does *not* interface with modern devices
- Does *not* meet current CA information Security Office information security
- Does *not* provide an information portal for students, high school campuses, and post-secondary institutions

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Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM)

The modernization of the Grant Delivery System will update, integrate, and modernize the outdated program. Future Goals for GDSM:

- Deliver High Quality Student Service
- Expedited Processing of Applications
- Outreach & Marketing
- Provide College Services
- Just-in-time payments to college



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Mini - Trainings


The Commission provides on-demand training for high school and financial aid administrators. Each mini-training below is approximately five minutes in length and targets a specific subject. To watch a mini-training, simply select a link below.

 **New to Financial Aid**

Front Desk 101


 **Middle Class Scholarship**

Middle Class Scholarship
MCS: Awards
MCS: File Types
MCS: File Submission Process
MCS: Reports

 **Cal Grant**

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Cal Grant Eligibility
Cal Grant A, B, C's

Cal Grant GPA Calculations
Individual SSN GPA Submission Process
SSN GPA Batch Upload
Individual Non SSN GPA Submission Process
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 **WebGrants**

Establishing and Accessing WebGrants
WebGrants Help Menu
WebGrants Tools
Student Information Screens in WebGrants

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CA Dream Act Screens in WebGrants
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Commission Notifications

OPERATIONS MEMO
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

July 11, 2014 GOM 2014-22

TO: Financial Aid Administrators
High School Counselors

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: 2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amounts and
Dream Act Renewals Eligible to File a FAFSA

This Operations Memo from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) provides an update on the award amount changes as prescribed in the 2014-15 Budget Act and provides guidance regarding the 2014-15 renewal of Cal Grant Dreamers eligible to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

2014-15 Cal Grant Award Amounts

SPECIAL ALERT
Update from the California Student Aid Commission

June 30, 2014 GSA 2014-19

TO: Financial Aid Administrators

FROM: Catalina G. Mistler
Chief, Program Administration & Services Division

SUBJECT: Annual Renewal of WebGrants Access Forms

This Special Alert from the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) reminds institutions of the annual requirement to submit:

- WebGrants Information Security and Confidentiality Agreement (Confidentiality Agreement) and
- WebGrants System Administrator's Access Request Form (Access Request Form) to continue access to WebGrants.

The deadline to submit WebGrants access forms is July 31, 2014.



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CASH FOR C//LLEGE

FREE workshops provide line-by-line help on the FAFSA, CA Dream Act & Chafee Applications. Workshops held in computer lab setting so students can apply on the spot.

October 1 – March 2

Open to all students and parents. Focus on low-income and first-generation students.

Cash for College Registration:

For workshop registration, order materials, access training and resources, please visit:
www.Cash4College.org.



Search & Register for a Workshop:

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California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP)

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- Northcoast
- Sacramento
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- Solano
- South County Gilroy
- South San Joaquin

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Arthur S. Marmaduke High School Counselor Award

Nominations for 2017 coming soon!

- A **\$1,500** annual award goes to one outstanding California high school counselor who demonstrates exemplary skills in helping students fulfill their dreams of going to college.
- Information on nomination process will be communicated through Commission electronic memos and mailings.



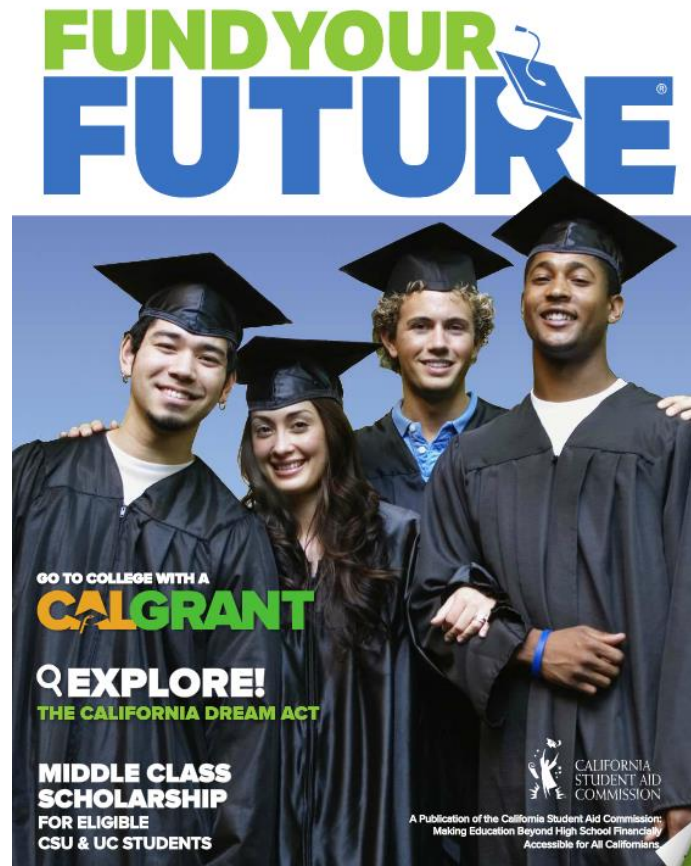
Visit the Commission's website for more information.



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**California
Dream Act**





Who is a Dream Act student?

The term Dreamers typically describes...

Younger undocumented immigrants
brought to the United States as children
with no legal status



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Dream Act Eligibility

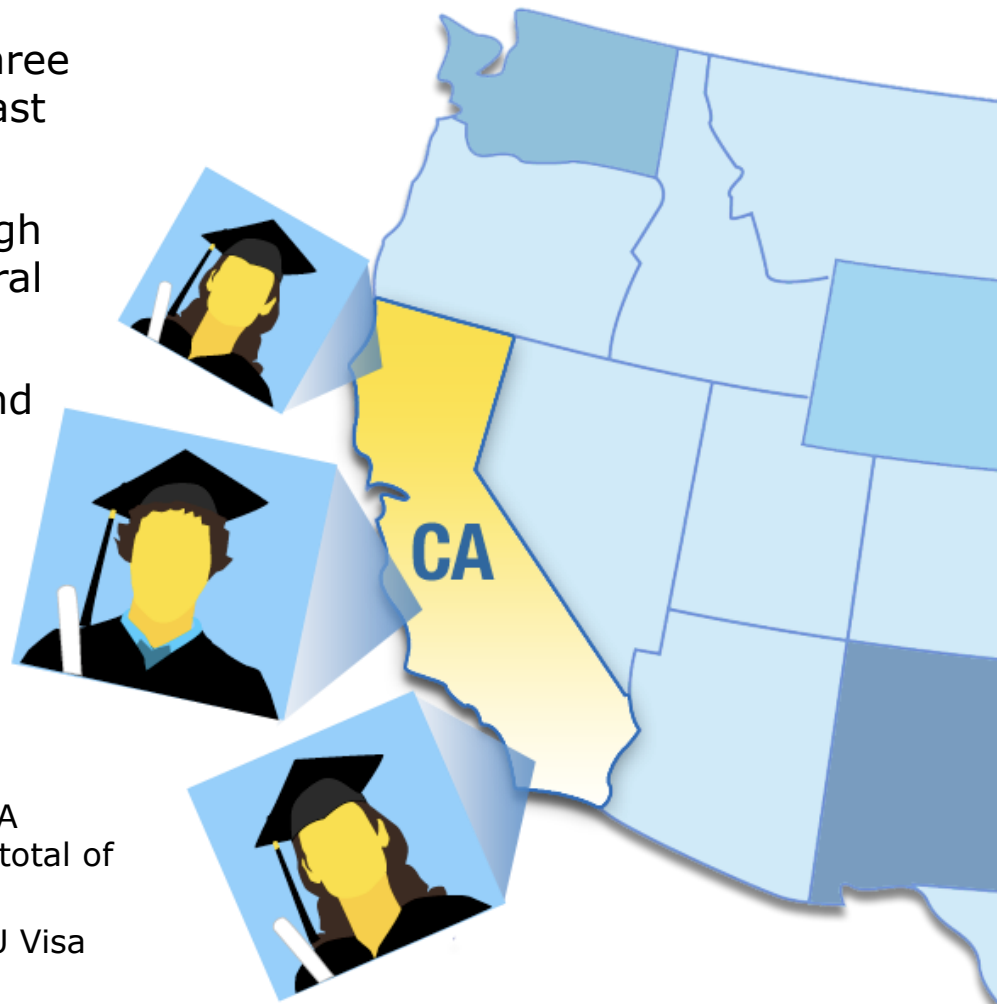
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AB 540 Requirements

- ✓ Attended a CA high school for at least three years or attained the equivalent of at least three years of credits*, **AND**
- ✓ Graduated or will graduate from a CA high school or passed the Certificate of General Education Development (GED), **AND**
- ✓ Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying CA college or university, **AND**
- ✓ If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, **AND**
- ✓ Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.)**

*Under this provision, you must also have attended CA schools (elementary and secondary) for a cumulative total of three or more years.

**If you have Temporary Protective Status or hold a U Visa may still be eligible for the Dream Act Application.



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Facts about California Dreamers

About **65,000** undocumented students graduate from High School each year.



40,352 Dream Act applications were received.

7,927 students were offered a Cal Grant.



Dream Act Students: California

California is one of the few states that has its own application specifically for Dreamers!

- Cal Grant
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Institutional Aid

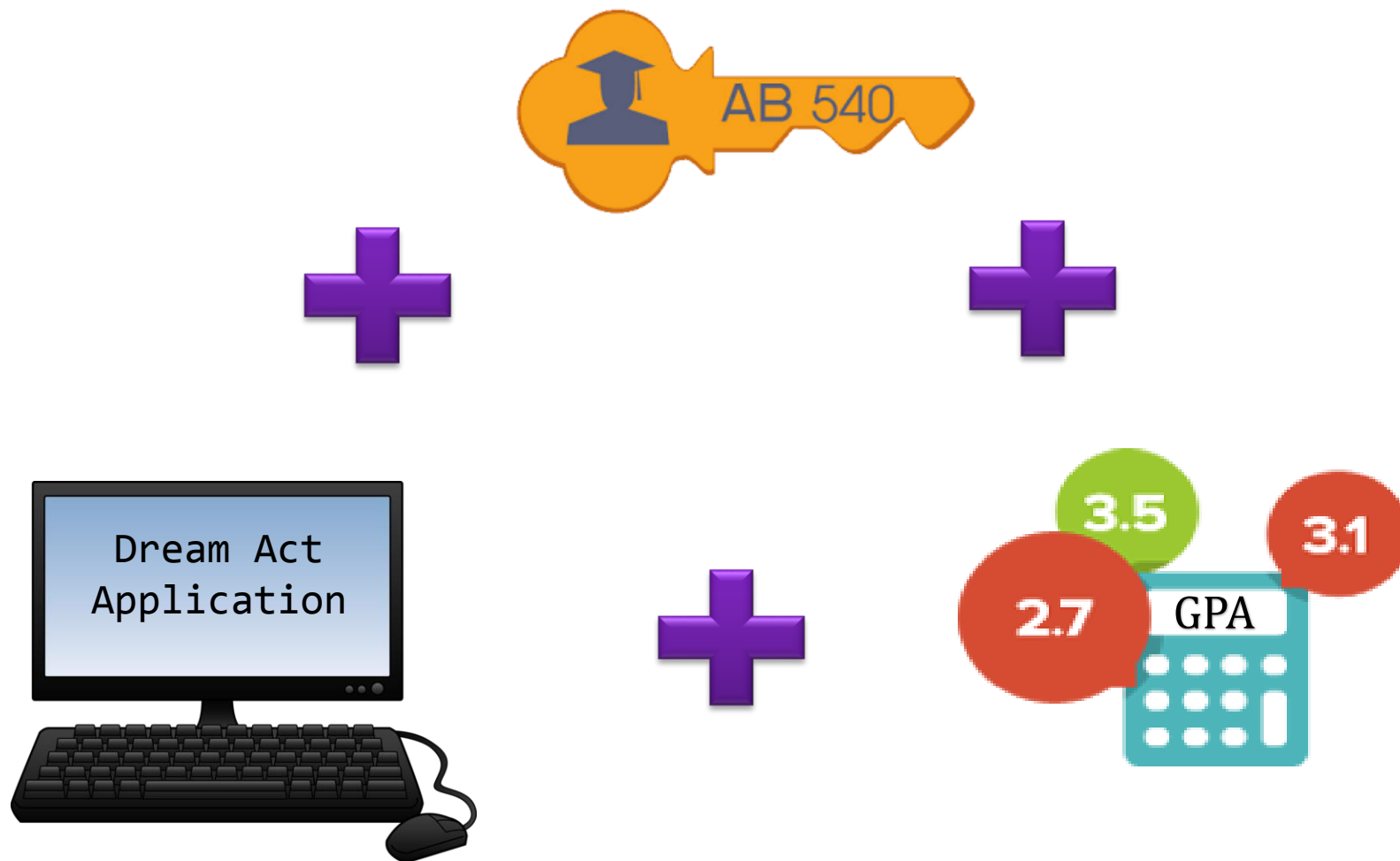
What do Dreamers need to do to get a Cal Grant?

- BOG Waiver
- Scholarships

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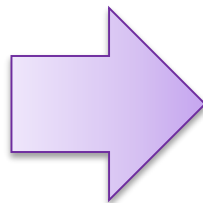
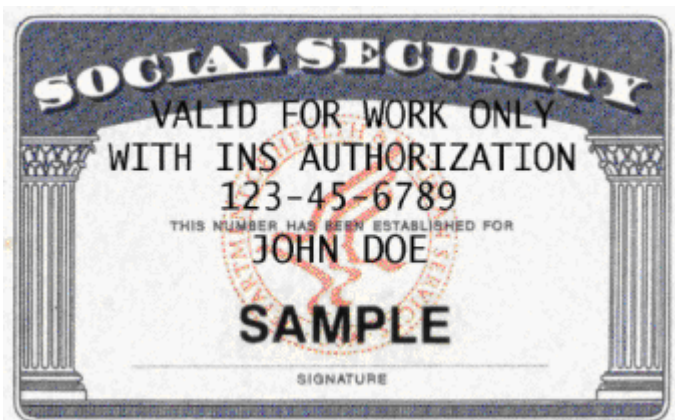


Dreamers: Applying for a Cal Grant





DACA Social Security Card



- ✓ Can be used to work in the U.S.
- ✓ Can be used (but is not required) on Dream Act Application
- ✓ **Not** to be used to upload a GPA
- ✓ **Not** to be used to complete a FAFSA in California





California Dream Act Application

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CA DREAM ACT

Apply by March 2, 2016

[Check out our California Dream Act information & resources.](#)

Announcements:

- To apply for a Cal Grant, the 2016-17 California Dream Act Application is due by Monday, **March 2, 2016**.
- Due to scheduled site maintenance, the on-line California Dream Act Application will be unavailable every Wednesday and Sunday from 11:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. (PST). We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

New California Dream Act Application

Select this option if you:

- Have never filed a CA Dream Act Application
- Want to start a new CA Dream Act Application
- Are ready to get started

Start Application

Provide a Parent Signature

Select this option if you:

- Need to request Parent PIN
- Forgot your Parent PIN
- Need to sign your child's application

Sign Student Application

California Dream Act Application Login

Select this option if you want to:

- Continue or renew your CA Dream Act Application
- Update or correct current CA Dream Act Application

View your Student Aid Report (SAR) and

Login To Application

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2017-18 Dream Act Application

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Welcome!

Completion of the Dream Act Application is required to determine financial aid for California AB540 eligible students. Your application will be processed by the California Student Aid Commission.

The following questions will determine whether this is the best financial aid application for you or whether you should fill out the Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Continue 



2017-18 Dream Act Application

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Are you a US Citizen (US National) or eligible non-citizen? (see below to check status)

☐ Yes ☐ No



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Generally, you are an eligible noncitizen if:

1. Permanent US resident with a permanent resident card (I-551)
2. Conditional permanent resident with a conditional green card (I-551c)
3. Holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security with the following designations:
 - Refugee
 - Asylum Granted
 - Cuban-Haitian Entrant, Status Pending
 - Victim of human trafficking, T-visa holder (T-2, T-3, or T-4, etc.)



2017-18 Dream Act Application

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STUDENT

Based on the responses you provided, you **are** eligible to file the California Dream Act Application and should **not have** filed the FAFSA.

However, since you have already filed a 2016-17 year FAFSA, you should press the Green Button below to complete the California Dream Act Application but you **must also** do the following:

1. Send an email to studentsupport@csac.ca.gov stating:
 - a. You have already filed the 2016-17 FAFSA
 - b. You should have filed the California Dream Act Application
 - c. Include your full-name as it is on the FAFSA, your mailing address and Date of Birth
2. Complete the California Dream Act Application as soon as possible
3. Tell the college you will be attending that you filed both the FAFSA and the California Dream Act Application
4. If it is before the March 2nd deadline, file a Cal Grant GPA

Start Application

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Dream Act Application Features you should know about:

Selective Service

- Male between ages of 18-25 must register for Selective Service
- Do **not** need a SSN to register
- Answer "Register me" on CA Dream Act question 23a
- Students will receive a Confirmation by mail from the Selective Service



Registering for Selective Service is a *requirement* to receive financial aid.

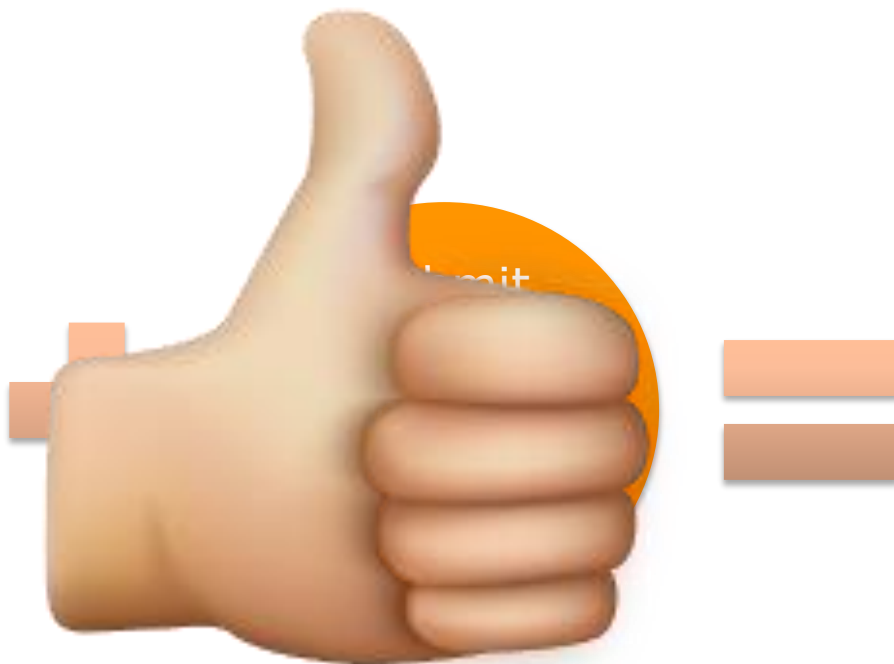
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Dream Act: Application Correction

My student completed the FAFSA instead of the California Dream Act Application, **what do I do?**

Complete
the Dream
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application



CSAC will
process the
conversion
and
notify the
school



Dreamers: Reporting Income & Assets

Report family income
as accurately as
possible



Applying for aid as a Dreamer does **NOT**
impact your immigration status!



Next Up, FAFSA!

Institutional Support

1-888-294-0153

schoolsupport@csac.ca.gov

Student Support

1-888-224-7268

studentsupport@csac.ca.gov

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